

Cotton Belt Route

(St. Louis Southern Railway.)

TO

ARKANSAS AND TEXAS.

THE ONLY LINE WITH

Through Car Service

FROM

Memphis to Texas

NO CHANGE OF CARS TO

FT. WORTH, WACO,

OR INTERMEDIATE POINTS.

TWO DAILY TRAINS

CARRYING 100

Through Coaches and Pullman Sleepers.

Travelling the Fast, Padded, Grating and

Trunk Luggage, and Reaching the Most

Prosperous Towns and Cities in the

GREAT SOUTHWEST.

FARMING LANDS.—Yielding abundantly all

the cereals, cotton, and other crops, and

especially adapted to the cultivation of

small fruits and early vegetables.

GRAZING LANDS.—Affording excellent pas-

turage during almost the entire year, and

comparatively close to the great mar-

kets.

TIMBER LANDS.—Covered with almost in-

exhaustible forests of yellow pine, cy-

press and the hard woods common to

Arkansas and Eastern Texas.

CAN BE PROCURED ON REASONABLE

AND ADVANTAGEOUS TERMS.

All lines connect with and have tickets on sale

at the Great Southern Railway.

Cotton Belt Route.

"Ask your nearest Ticket Agent for the Ticket

Tables, and write to any of the following for

information, you may receive a copy of the

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LICORICE HARVEST IN SYRIA.

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In a series of articles describing the

planting, cultivation, preparation for

market and transportation of licorice

from the "Thaoudon" district, Syria, there is

the following interesting description of the

harvest in Syria: The usual way is to start

a trench the length of the place to be

harvested, about two feet in length, and

from that, each man placing in a

row the roots he has dug up, and

at the end of the longer time it is

taken to the scales, weighed and paid

for at a special rate per pound. The

allowance is always made for the dirt

that clings to the roots. The roots

then spread out for a few days to

slightly dry and are piled in stacks

about three feet wide and four feet

high, rounded off at the top in or-

der to shed rain, and are piled so close

together as to prevent heating.

At the end of the rainy season the

time is spent out to dry for about two

months, being turned over for about

ten days, during which process all the

adhering clay dries and falls off, leav-

ing it clean and ready for transport to

the point of shipment. It is then put

into sacks, each containing from five

pounds, two sacks being a load for a

camel or mule. For the transportation

of the roots from the place of harvest

to the port of shipment, various Arab

or Bedouin sheikhs for a certain amount

of money, about five hundred pounds

at a certain price, he to furnish camels and men to the owner

to furnish and fill the sacks.

Abouffayyeh came in one caravan

for the purpose of carrying a load of

camels. Sometimes, if one hundred

camels are used, the caravan goes in

sections, one man riding a donkey

leads the first camel and the rest fol-

low, while the other men, on horse-

back, keeping a camel from straying

or lagging too far behind. They usually

start early in the morning and go

ten or fifteen miles, when a halt is

made. The men are allowed to browse on

the thorn or other bushes for three or

four hours, then, loaded again and

about the same distance traveled, when

they are again unloaded and the night

is spent in the open air, and an early

start made the next morning. And so

it goes, until the caravan reaches the

place where they are unloaded, the rest

of the sacks emptied, and returned to

be again refilled in the fields for

another trip. On the Ephraim

the roots are not obtained from the

banks of the rivers and are being

properly dried, is loaded in bulk

on mule teams called baggages, car-

rying from fifty to one hundred

bags, and is carried to the port of ship-

ment, where it is sold at a price

as favorable, or at times are towed

as far down as Basra, where they

are sold at a price, and proceed in

sales ready for shipment.

KNOCKED THE BRIDE SNEEWING

Only an unfortunate incident growing

out of a hotel dinner.

A well-known New York drummer

returning from a southern trip relates

the following story as having occurred

at a recent wedding in "Charlotte,

N. C.":

After the ceremony had been con-

cluded in the most approved style the

groom, who had employed one of the

phosphate mines, a few miles from

the city, bundled his bride into a rule

and, loaded some household effects

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